HOUSE BILL 2729

By Favors

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, relative to authorizing the provision of hospice services by assisted-care living facilities.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-201(4)(B), is amended by deleting the language "medical services as prescribed" and by substituting instead the language "medical services and hospice services as prescribed".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-201(5)(B), is amended by adding the following language as a new subdivision (iii):

(iii) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subdivision (5), any assisted-care living facility resident who qualifies for hospice care under medicare may receive hospice care services and continue as a resident of the assisted-care living facility unless the resident's treating physician certifies that appropriate hospice care can not be provided at the facility.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.